

REMARKS

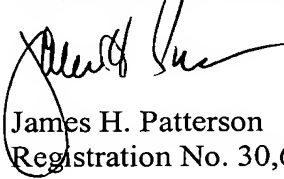
Claims 9-22 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-8 are canceled and new claims 9-22 have been added.

The amendments to claims 9-22 conform the translated claims to U.S. practice. No narrowing amendments are intended and no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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